



**Department of Labor and Economic Growth
Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Michigan Quality Assurance Test Suspension
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Why was the Michigan Quality Assurance (MI QA) test suspended?

On November 1, 2008 the DODHH suspended testing while new testing options are being investigated that will best serve the needs of Michigan's Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind (D/HH/DB) citizens while satisfying the requirements of 2007 PA 204.

2. How long will the MI QA test be suspended?

Until such a time that DODHH can offer a new test that satisfies the requirements of 2007 PA 204. Please continue to check the DODHH website at www.mcdc-dodhh.org for updates.

3. Will I receive my results from a written or performance test that I took before the MI QA suspension?

Yes, DODHH will continue to process and send all test results for tests that were completed prior to the November 1, 2008 suspension date.

4. What if I have already passed the written and have a performance test scheduled?

You will be placed on a waiting list and when the new performance test is available, you will be allowed to take the new performance test.

5. Will my application fees be refunded if I have not secured a written test date?

Yes, the State will refund your full application fee through the State accounting process.

6. What if I sent my application and fee in but have not yet scheduled a written test date?

DODHH will not be scheduling any MI QA testing dates, written or performance, until further notice, however if you have already sent in your fee, it will be refunded.



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7. What if I completed my written MI QA test and it was not submitted for scoring until after the MI QA suspension date of November 1, 2008?

Your application fee will be refunded to the address on your application.

8. I have a completed QA application to send to DODHH, can I still send the application and payment?

No, DODHH is not processing any MI QA applications. Please refrain from sending any MI QA applications or testing fees at this time.

9. Do I still send in my yearly renewal fees and MI QA units as my yearly renewal date approaches?

Yes, to maintain your compliance with 2007 PA 204 you will continue to submit your \$30 renewal registration fee and MI QA professional unit documentation to maintain your credentials during the suspension.

10. What if my four-year QA cycle is expiring and I am due to retest during the QA suspension?

Do not send in a full payment for a retest. If your QA cycle ends during the suspension and you are due to retest, you will receive a letter from DODHH directing you to pay a \$30 registration fee to DODHH. Upon receipt of the fee, you will be issued a MI QA extension of one year of your current credential level until the new examination is available. Proof of your MI QA units will be required when retesting resumes.

11. How will I know when my extension has expired?

DODHH will inform you when your extension has expired and what procedures have been implemented to reestablish testing.



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12. Will I receive a QA card that reflects my temporary extension?

Yes, your credential will be renewed for one year and you will receive a new card after paying the \$30 registration fee for a one-year extension of credentials.

13. Does this mean I can work in Michigan as an interpreter without credentials during the QA suspension?

No, according to 2007 PA 204 you must hold either valid QA or national credential and register with the DODHH to work in Michigan as a Qualified Interpreter. Failure to comply with this requirement will subject a sign interpreter to penalties.

14. If I am new to the state and hold a current credential from another state will my out of state qualifications be recognized during the MI QA suspension?

No, until the rules and regulations are promulgated for 2007 PA 204, the only credentials recognized in Michigan are national and Michigan QA issued credentials.

15. What if I want to become a sign language interpreter in Michigan but do not have a state recognized credential?

Please continue to check the DODHH website at www.mcdc-dodhh.org for MI QA testing resumption dates. All person's working as a "Qualified Interpreter" according to 2007 PA 204 must be registered with the DODHH and hold a valid national or MI QA credential.

All nationally certified interpreters are required by 2007 PA 204 to register, provide current credentials and pay a \$30 fee to the DODHH by accessing the nationally certified registration form on the DODHH website at www.mcdc-dodhh.org. The DODHH will send yearly registration renewal letters to all nationally certified interpreters after their initial registration.

National credentials such as RID NIC and EIPA are still accepted as a valid credential under 2007 PA 204. Information regarding the national credentialing system can be located at www.rid.org.

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